

in the committee amendments provides a sweeping change in the enforcement of the visitation side of a court order. Beginning in January 1997, there will be an administrative process for the enforcement of court-ordered visitations. This will provide for the same inexpensive expedited method for enforcement of a visitation order as is currently used for child support collection. In short, this will restore a level playing field for both custodial and noncustodial parents. The Judiciary Committee amendment deletes the provisions of the original bill which provided for administrative attachment of property, mandatory mediation and changed certain provisions in contempt proceedings. I would ask that you join the Judiciary Committee who did adopt this bold initiative and adoption of the committee amendments will restore a belief in the fairness of the system. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Day would move to amend with AM1453. I might indicate to the membership, you'll find the amendment in your bill books. AM1453.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator.

SENATOR DAY: Madam President and colleagues, first of all I want to appreciate what the...let you know that I appreciate what the Judiciary Committee did with tying visitation interference into this legislation. I think it's an important thing, it's something that we need to look at. And I was pleased that we had a vehicle that we could look at it, because that is, indeed, the same problem that we have in some cases with child support. My amendment changes that part that deals with visitation interference. It maintains what we have done on child support payments. And I handed out a little graph to kind of explain to you how we are going to deal with nonpayment of child support. As you can see it's not an easy thing, we just don't run out and yank peoples licenses. There is a lot of due process in there, and we do allow people a chance for mistakes and problems that we may have, and that's really the important...a very important part of the bill. What we have done in my amendment with the visitation interference is change it just a little bit. I had discussions with both the Department of Social Service and the court systems and they felt that this way would work better. It's important to realize that visitation interference and nonpayment of child support really